

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



**TONI ATKINS**  
COUNCILMEMBER  
THIRD DISTRICT

## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 4, 2004

### CONTACT: George Biagi

(619)236-6633 Fax:(619)595-1481

[gbiagi@sanidiego.gov](mailto:gbiagi@sanidiego.gov)

---

## Task Force Chooses Site For District Three Flagship Library

SAN DIEGO -- On May 27th, the District Three Flagship Library Task Force, by a 10-3 vote, chose the Carter Reese and Associates project on University Avenue between Idaho and Oregon streets in North Park as their official recommendation for the site of the new flagship library for the district.

"I want to commend the Task Force for helping us reach this important milestone. They have done a tremendous amount of work over the past year to select the site for the new District Three Flagship Library. They weighed each site heavily and made a good decision," said Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins. "I will continue to look to the task force for guidance as this project progresses."

The Carter Reese proposal calls for a multi-level building that would integrate the library with the new home of Deaf Community Services, as well as housing and retail. In a bold and innovative move, the project is designed to include approximately 90 units of affordable housing for the deaf to provide a sense of community for the hearing disabled.

"I'm impressed with the team that Carter Reese has assembled for this project. Their collective experience with libraries, and stylish urban developments bode well for the future of this project," said Atkins. "I am deeply committed to keeping local businesses and residents in North Park, and I urge the developers to work closely with the property owners at this location to ensure that they are treated fairly throughout the entire process."

A second site which was considered but not selected--referred to as the KDL project--would have placed the library on North Park Way at 31st Street. This site would have encompassed the former home of Drowsy Maggie's at University Avenue and 31st Street. It was slated to be a nine-story building with 150 units of affordable housing. The task force voted 10-3 to accept this site as the back-up location for the flagship library should the Carter Reese development fail to materialize.

"I encourage the KDL developers to remain committed to redevelop this site," said Atkins. "I want to offer any assistance I can to help bring an appropriate development to this location that will enhance this neighborhood."

The current timeline calls for the library to open in 2008. Definitive time lines, however, have yet to be

confirmed.

# # #